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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: TURKISH REFUSAL TO RECEIVE

GALINDO POHL

1. TURKISH PERM REP TURKMEN, IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION ON RECONVENING THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, TOLD AMB. LEONARD ON MAY 8 THAT THE GOT WAS DISPOSED NOT TO RECEIVE GALINDO POHL, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPECIAL REP. TURKMEN SAID THAT TURKEY WAS INTERESTED IN A FULL RESUMPTION OF THE CYPRUS TALKS AND NOT IN ENGAGING IN CONSULTATIONS WITH GALINDO POHL AIMED AT PRESSING TURKS TO MODIFY THEIR PROPOSALS. TURKMEN ADDED THAT A CHANGE IN TURKISH ATTITUDE ON GALINDO POHL AND HIS "MISSION" IN VISITING ANKARA, ATHENS, AND NICOSIA IN CONNECTION WITH CONSULTATIONS TO RELAUNCH THE TALKS COULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT ONLY THROUGH APPROACHING PM ECEVIT.

2. LEONARD SAID THAT TURKISH REFUSAL TO RECEIVE GALINDO POHL AT THIS TIME WOULD BE INTERPRETED PUBLICLY AS TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE. IT WOULD GIVE THE
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OPPOSITE IMPRESSION TO THAT NECESSARY IN ORDER TO RECONVENE THE TALKS. LEONARD NOTED THAT TURKEY SHOULD BE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC EVIDENCE OF ITS FLEXIBILITY. TURKMEN WAS SYMPATHETIC TO LEONARD'S POINT AND TO U.S. EFFORTS TOWARD RESUMING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COMMENT: TURKMEN ASKED TO BE PROTECTED AS THE SOURCE
OF ANKARA'S POSITION ON NOT RECEIVING GALINDO POHL.
WITHIN THESE LIMITS, WE BELIEVE AN APPROACH IN ANKARA
ALONG THE LINES OF LEONARD'S RESPONSE TO
TURKMEN WOULD BE DESIRABLE. YOUNG

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